# The Good News

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MIKE KELLY 🛨 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

# Kelly votes for tax cuts to strengthen Pennsylvania businesses & families



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Kelly meets with President Donald Trump at the White House.

**PENNSYLVANIA** -- In July, Rep. Kelly voted in favor of the Working Families Tax Cuts, a package of legislation that provides tax cuts, reduces spending, secures the border, expands American energy production, and more.

"From employers to employees, from children to seniors, this legislation provides historic investments in Western Pennsylvania and the United States, both for today and for generations to come," said Rep. Kelly, Chairman of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Tax.



#### What's included:

- Delivers an average additional \$1,228 tax cut annually for families in Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District.
- Makes 2017 Trump tax cuts permanent, protects the average taxpayer from a 22% tax hike.
- Provides tax relief for seniors on Social Security by raising the standard deduction.

Source: Ways & Means Committee Majority Data

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# How Team Kelly Served You in 2025



# Kelly welcomes HUD Secretary Scott Turner to Erie

In May, Rep. Kelly welcomed U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Scott Turner to Erie to tour the city's highly successful Opportunity Zones (OZs) and other housing initiatives.

Sec. Turner and Rep. Kelly played an integral role in establishing and implementing Opportunity Zones when they were passed in the 2017 Tax Cuts & Jobs Act.

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 Honoring Community Champions



Promoting
 Pennsylvania energy



 Celebrating local service members



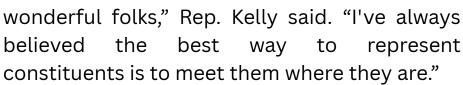
 Putting Pennsylvania businesses first

## <u>Putting Our Communities First</u>

#### **Kelly crisscrosses PA-16 during August District Work Period**

During August the District Work Period, Kelly visited Rep. county every in Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District.

"August is a busy month for us, traveling across the district and meeting with so many



In all, Kelly and his team completed more than 100 meetings, site visits, tours, and more during the five-week work period.

## Team Kelly: 100 Meetings, Site Visits, Tours, & Stops Across PA-16 in August Crawford County Venange County Wercer County Venange County MIKE KELLY

#### **Kelly honors latest Community Champions**



**BUTLER - Rep. Kelly with latest Community Champions.** 

**BUTLER** – During a ceremony this summer, Rep. Kelly named Bill Bellis and Ken Laughlin as the latest Community Champions of Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District. Both men were courteous and professional during multiple visits to their properties by Rep. Kelly, the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump, and law enforcement officials during the Task Force's investigation of the attempted assassination of President Trump on the Butler Farm Show grounds in 2024.

#### Kelly touts Pennsylvania energy in Venango County

VENANGO COUNTY - In October, Rep. Kelly participated in The Drake Energy Security Forum. The annual event brings together industry leaders, lawmakers, officials from around the world to Western Pennsylvania to highlight Pennsylvania's history as the home of America's first oil discovery in 1859, plus policy discussions shaping America's energy future.

"Energy security equals national security," Rep. Kelly said. "Abundant American energy not only means lower costs here at home, but it strengthens our position around the globe. When we lose that edge, we lose America."

The Oil Region National Heritage Area consists of all of Venango County, and Titusville, Hydetown Borough, and Oil Creek Township in Crawford County.



VENANGO COUNTY - Rep. Kelly speaks during The Drake Energy Security Forum with Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson.

#### **Kelly dedicates Titusville Post** Office after Drake

**TITUSVILLE** – In August, Kelly led Rep. ceremony to formally dedicate the U.S. Post Office in Titusville, Pennsylvania after



Edwin Drake, the father of the American oil industry. Kelly was joined by officials from the U.S. Postal Service.

"Edwin Drake's discovery led to a revolution that transformed the world and put Titusville and the Oil Region in the history books," Rep. Kelly said.

Kelly's legislation to dedicate the facility was signed into law in 2025.

#### **PHOTOS: Meetings around** the region



BUTLER - Rep. Kelly meets with Erie County's Haley Poe, who was named Miss Earth USA.



HERMITAGE - Rep. Kelly joins State Rep. Parke Wentling and other leaders during a veterans' breakfast in November.



MEADVILLE - Rep. Kelly honors Starn Tool & Manufacturing Co. for the company's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

# <u>Putting Our Families First</u>

#### Kelly honors Butler native named 'Marine of the Year'

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In September, Butler native and U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Zachary Sessa was honored as the 2025 Military Times Marine of the Year. In honor of this recognition, Rep. Kelly presented Maj. Sessa with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol during a meeting in Kelly's Washington office.

"Major Sessa has committed his life to serving our great country. He is most deserving of the title of 'Marine of the Year'," said Rep. Kelly. "Prior to the meeting, I spoke with Maj. Sessa's



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Kelly meets with Butler native and U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Zachary Sessa.

family, and they couldn't be prouder. I know the Butler community is proud to call him a son, as well."

Sessa, 33, served as the lead weapons and tactics instructor for Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 (VMFA-314) during its historic 2024 deployment aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. Under his guidance, the squadron executed the F-35C Lightning II's first combat missions, striking Houthi weapons storage facilities in Yemen in response to attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. Sessa flew critical nighttime combat sorties while mentoring the next generation of F-35 leaders and instructors.

#### Kelly's legislation, Trump admin's deal to lower costs of weight loss drugs



WASHINGTON, D.C. - In July, Rep. Kelly introduced the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (TROA), bipartisan legislation to combat the obesity epidemic in the United States by providing regular screenings.

#### Kelly backs policies investing in Pennsylvania's families

The Working Families Tax Cuts law expands the Child Tax Credit, allowing parents to save more money. Without this legislation, the credit would have been cut in half.

The legislation also creates new "Trump Accounts," a \$1,000 investment account for every child born over the next four years. The fund grows tax-free until the child reaches adulthood.

"Children are 25 percent of our population, but they are 100 percent of our future," Rep. Kelly said. "These investments today will shape a bright future for tomorrow."

The bill would also prevent diseases associated with obesity through expanded coverage of new health care specialists and chronic weight management medications, known as GLP-1s, for Medicare recipients.

Following the introduction of this legislation, the Trump administration announced in November that the administration reached a deal with pharmaceutical companies to lower the cost of popular GLP-1 weight loss drugs.

"My legislation, together with the Trump administration's proactive efforts to work with pharmaceutical companies to lower the cost of these life-saving prescription drugs, will help Americans save money and live healthier lives," Rep. Kelly said.





# <u>Putting Your Money First</u>



NEW CASTLE - Rep. Kelly visits Ellwood Quality Steels in August.

#### **TAX CUTS (from Page 1)**

The Working Families Tax Cuts eliminates tax on tips and eliminates tax on overtime for hourly workers. It also makes permanent and increases the doubled Death Tax Exemption for 2 million family-owned farms, according to Ways & Means Committee Majority data. Kelly co-sponsored this legislation.

The Working Families Tax Cuts also strengthens the Medicaid program by creating commonsense work requirements and necessary oversight to ensure taxpayer dollars are properly allocated. Learn more at Kelly.House.Gov

## Kelly Votes to Keep **Government Open**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Sept. 19, Rep. Kelly and House Republicans passed a continuing resolution clean keep government open. The legislation would have avoided a government shutdown and funded various programs, including SNAP, and provided paychecks for air traffic controllers and military service members.

After Senate Democrats blocked this funding more than a dozen times during the shutdown, a bipartisan group of lawmakers voted to fund the government and end the shutdown. On Nov. 12, Kelly voted again to keep the government open.

"Reopening the government and doing what is right for the American people are not just red issues or blue issues -- they are red, white, and blue issues," said Rep. Kelly.

#### **HUD Sec. Turner visits Erie**



ERIE - Rep. Kelly and Sec. Turner during a news conference in May.

#### **HUD (from Page 1)**

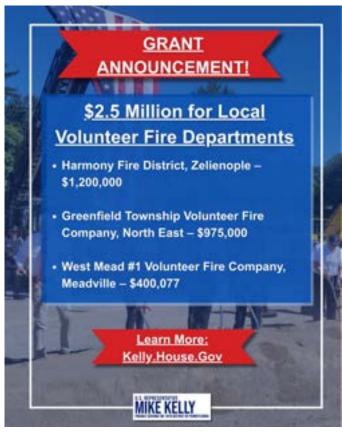
Downtown Erie remains a national leader in Opportunity Zones legislation.

The Working Families Tax Cuts makes Kelly's permanent expands and Rep. Opportunity Zones (OZ) legislation.

"Opportunity Zones continue to create jobs and affordable housing in Erie, and they continue to pump hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economy," said Rep. Kelly. "I want to thank Secretary Turner for visiting Erie again."

"I'm excited to see what the future holds for this community," Sec. Turner said.

#### Kelly secures \$2.5 million for area volunteer fire departments



In November, Rep. Kelly announced \$2.5 million in federal funding will be distributed to three local volunteer fire departments. Kelly secured the money as part of his Community Project Funding requests.

"These projects represent real, tangible infrastructure that will significantly benefit communities across the 16th Congressional District," Rep. Kelly said.

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